**Amendments to the Title:**

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

Method and Apparatus for Monitoring Patient Information~~Privacy Checking~~

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the abstract with the following:

~~The preferred embodiments described herein provide a~~ A method and system for monitoring confidential information in a medical records system is provided. The monitoring may occur when the data is transferred in the medical records system, such as inputting data into the medical records system, outputting data from the medical records system, displaying data on the medical records system, or saving data in the medical records system. The method and system for monitoring confidential information may extract a portion of data transferred, compare the portion of data with a predetermined sequence in a database, determine whether the portion of data comprises patient information based on the comparison, and modify the portion of data if it comprises patient information. ~~Extracting a portion of data may comprise parsing the data or may comprise reading a structured form.~~ Further, comparing the portion of data with a predetermined sequence may comprise comparing the portion of data with a predetermined format. ~~Alternatively, comparing the portion of data the portion of data with a predetermined sequence in a database and determining whether the portion of data comprises patient information may comprise using rules (such as an expert system) to specify a sequence of characters that includes patient information.~~ Moreover, modifying the portion of data if it comprises patient information may comprise manual or automatic modification.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following paragraph:

[0025] The operator may request privacy checking in the report, such as a PHI check in the report, as shown at block 104. Privacy checking, such as PHI checking, may be initiated, as shown at block 106. The privacy checking may determine whether there is a potential

violation of privacy, as shown at block 108. Block 108 is discussed in more detail in FIG. 3. If there is a potential violation, the operator may be notified of the potential violation, as shown at block 110. The privacy checking may suggest a single solution or suggest multiple solutions to the operator, as shown at block 112. The solutions may be previously input by the operator. For example, the operator prior to transferring the data may previously suggest the solution. Alternatively, the operator may suggest the solution after transferring of the data, but prior to requesting privacy checking.